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years and were specially designed for the purpose. They have dealt with animals as small as a mouse and as large as an elephant. The proposed replacement buildings were incompatible with the character of Cambridge.

Wrong to erect homes in Fen Ditton – 1958

FEN Ditton is a village that should remain static in population, councillors say. Sufficient provision has been made for necessary housing development and it would be wrong to allow the erection of nine houses at Horningsea Road.

Valuable agricultural land would be lost and it would cause a traffic problem. But there was already a police house there and alternative sites would not be available, the developer claimed.

Motorists get a hard time– 1956

THIS is a bad time for motorists. Not only are we faced with a meagre petrol ration but it is likely to cost more (because of the Suez conflict) as every gallon of Middle East oil has to be brought by the long route via the Cape.

The Chancellor should reduce the tax on petrol to keep the price the same.

Many people depend on a motor car for their livelihood and why should they have to use their allowance of 200 gallons a month to travel to work. But Marshall's report a good response to their economy tune-up service.

Car serive bay at King and Harper in 1954

School hotchpotch of makeshifts – 1937

ELY High School buildings are old and a hotchpotch of makeshifts; we are greatly troubled by the noise in the front and a great deal of time is wasted in moving about in congested spaces, Headmistress Miss B Tilley reported at speech day.

The domestic science room is being equipped for laundry work and sixth-form girls are taught typing and shorthand, giving them elementary business training.

They were fortunate to have a mistress with special qualifications in speech training so girls could learn to speak well and clearly, a necessity for those who wish to make a success of their career.

Royal Society gives £15k to lab – 1930

SIR Ernest Rutherford, in a special interview, gave the Cambridge Daily News details of the work which has prompted the Royal Society to present the University of Cambridge with £15,000 for a new science cryogenic laboratory.

It will support the work of Dr Peter Kapitza, the young Russian scientist who has been carrying out investigations at the Cavendish Laboratory into magnetic fields which involves exceedingly low temperatures.

Workhouse in Ely has no room – 1926

ELY guardians heard a complaint from a vagrant of a shortage of accommodation in the casual ward of the workhouse which was full up with beet sugar factory employees who are paid 1s per night.

There was no registered common lodging house in Ely but the workhouse was for destitute people and not for those with money in their pockets. But some of them concealed what money they had.

If they filled the casual wards with people with money, what were they going to do with the poor chaps who really were down and out?

Some of the casuals were looking for work. If the beet factory did not take them on, they would only go on the land and take jobs from agricultural labourers.

Last year, there were 60 or 70 living at the jam factory. The matter was left to the discretion of the master.

Brewery converted into... brewery – 1903

SOME 20 years ago, premises in Gwydir Street, Cambridge, were used as a brewery.

They became dismantled, but now, through the enterprise of Mr Frederick Dale, it has been converted to an up-to-date brewery where beer made from pure malt and hops will be manufactured.

Its speciality will be family pale ales and nourishing or invalid stout, an article a small brewer seldom undertakes to manufacture.

Messrs Adlam of Bristol have installed the most improved machinery and the most up-to-date methods are employed.

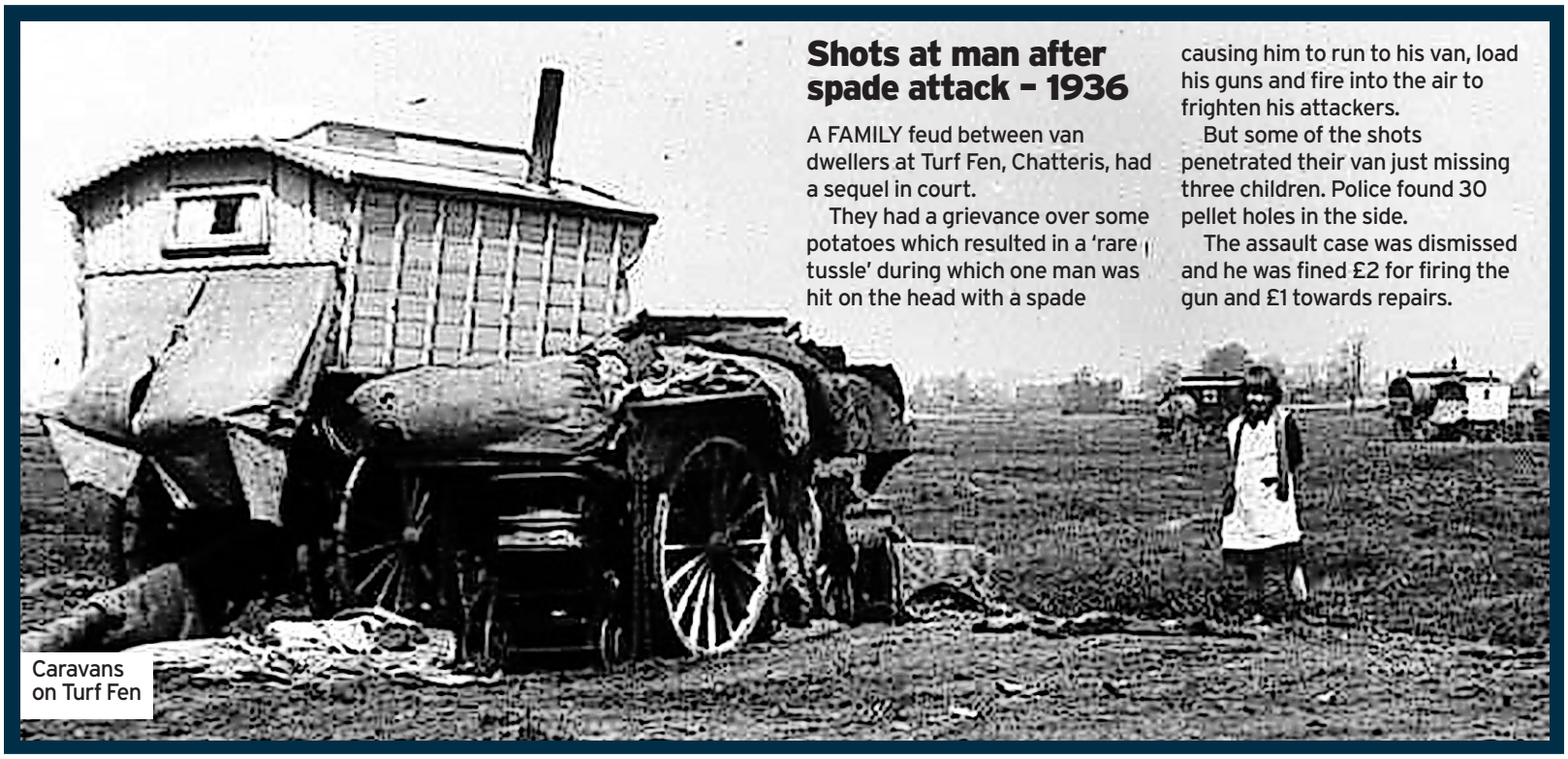
'Mass of bricks' is 'hideous' – 1900

SIR, No one who takes the trouble to make even a cursory inspection of the unlovely mass of bricks and timber in Ram Yard, Cambridge, can fail to see that its removal would be a matter of little inconvenience to a very few residents.

Several of the buildings show no sign of occupation by night – there is one of two storeys which is occupied as a shoemaker's workroom.

Another gloomy pile, now unoccupied, was, I believe, a blacksmith's shop.

The whole block is uniformly hideous and obstructive. No one has a good word to say for it – V.S.N.


Caravans on Turf Fen

Shots at man after spade attack – 1936

A FAMILY feud between van dwellers at Turf Fen, Chatteris, had a sequel in court.

They had a grievance over some potatoes which resulted in a 'rare tussle' during which one man was hit on the head with a spade causing him to run to his van, load his guns and fire into the air to frighten his attackers.

But some of the shots penetrated their van just missing three children. Police found 30 pellet holes in the side.

The assault case was dismissed and he was fined £2 for firing the gun and £1 towards repairs.

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